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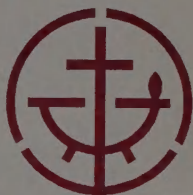
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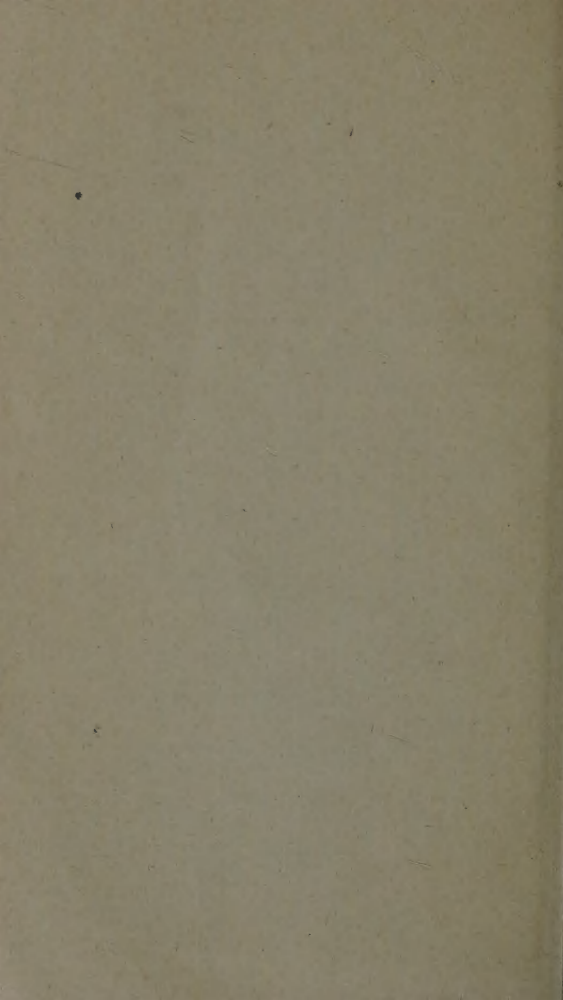
## INTRODUCTORY WORD

The following manual is not a catechism, though it may be used as such. It is much simpler and less technical than a catechism with exact doctrinal terms. We believe it will render a greater service in this form. It is therefore sent forth on its ministry of instruction with an earnest prayer that it will prove a great blessing to thousands of United Brethren boys and girls.

We trust our pastors and other leaders will find it a great help to them in imparting a fuller knowledge of Christian truth to children under their care.

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## FOREWORD

The following Manual for Juniors was authorized by the General Conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ. The professors of Bonebrake Theological Seminary with Bishop C. J. Kephart were asked to prepare it. The chief work was done by Dean C. E. Ashcraft.

The manual is intended to meet the needs of Juniors. Many catechisms have been examined, and from some of them helpful suggestions received, especially the manual for Juniors published by the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education.

We are also indebted to many workers with children for their constructive criticisms.

Conscious that this first draft is not perfect, but with a keen desire to help boys and girls find the Way and grow in grace, we are sending this manual forth.

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# MANUAL OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION FOR JUNIORS

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## LESSON ONE

### What God Means to Us.

In our first lesson we are to learn about God. We all should desire to know about him. He loves us and knows us, and is present to help us. When we truly know God we will love him. Today we shall study about God and how we should act toward him.

#### 1. Who is God?

God is our loving Heavenly Father. He is the Creator who made the world, the sun, moon, and stars. He gives to all light and warmth, rain and snow, food and sleep, flowers and fruit; all things come from him. Because he loves us more than any one else, he has provided all good things for us. He created mother and father love. He loves us and desires to help us, and to forgive us. Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:7; Genesis 2:9; I John 4:8; Psalms 46:1-11.

## 2. Where is God?

God is everywhere, but he especially wants to live in us. God is in all of his world,—in growing plants, beautiful flowers, shining stars, lofty mountains, roaring waterfalls, and dazzling sunlight. He is more perfectly alive in growing boys and girls who love him and in helpful people, for he dwells in loving, friendly, obedient hearts. They are made after his image; therefore, he can be seen in Christians more than anywhere else. Jesus lived to show us what God is like. Read Psalm 139: 7-12; Matthew 6:28, 29; Matthew 6:32, 33; Psalm 121:1, 2. Hymn "This is My Father's World."

## 3. What does God Know?

He made us and knows the thoughts in our minds. Before God made the world he knew what kind to make, so he knows all things and he knows about all people. He knows when we do right or wrong. He is glad for the right and sad for the wrong. See Hebrews 4:13; Job 26:6.

## 4. What is God able to do?

God can do whatever is in his will. God is powerful and strong, but all that he does



is right and good. God can help man only if man works with God. God does not make steamboats, but he furnishes the materials for man to make them. God makes all of nature, the mysterious wonderful life that is in every seed and egg. Matthew 13: 58; Romans 8:28. Hymn: "How Strong and Sweet My Father's Care."

5. When did God begin?

God has always existed. God is living now, and has always been and always will be. All flowers, fruits, animals, and men cease to live here, but God lives on forever. See Psalm 90:2; Jeremiah 10:10.

6. What kind of a person is God?

God loves each of us, for "God is love." God provides our food. He furnishes us with trees for lumber and fuel; he placed the coal beds in the earth for warmth and power. We know he loves us because of Jesus our Helper, Savior, and Friend. God is good to all. God is holy and he hates sin and wrong. He knows that wrong doing will ruin our own lives. God is fair. He is honest. God is patient and kind. We love him because he first loved us. Read Matthew 5:45; John 3:16; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Isaiah 6:3.

## 7. Ought we to love God?

We should love God. He cares for and loves us. We love our parents and teachers and friends because they care for us, teach us, and love us. He has always loved us. He always works for our best interests. The Bible tells us that God even cares for the birds. The better we know God the more we will love him. He craves our love, and when we give it we help to make the world the beautiful, happy home for everyone which he planned. See John 3:16; Romans 8:35; I John 3:1; I John 4:7; Romans 5:8.

## 8. Is there but one God?

There is but one true, good, and loving God. This God is sometimes named as the creator, sometimes as provider and lover, sometimes as Savior and helper, sometimes as comforter. God works in many ways, but he is one, just as a boy or girl does many things, yet is one. He is spoken of as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the holy trinity.

The following poem will help express our love for God.

“Thank you for the world so sweet,  
Thank you for the food to eat,  
Thank you for the birds that sing,  
Thank you God for everything.

“Praise to God for things we see,  
The growing flower, the waving tree,  
Our mother’s face, the bright blue sky,  
Where birds and clouds go flitting by,

“Praise to God for things we hear,  
The voices of our playmates dear,  
The many bells, the song of birds,  
Stones and tunes and kindly words.”

## LESSON TWO

### About Jesus Christ Our Savior.

#### 1. What is Jesus Christ to us?

Jesus Christ is our friend, helper, guide, and Savior. Just as you may have good friends, helpers, and guides among your earthly friends, so Jesus Christ is your friend. Now the time has come for us to express our own faith in this friend, by each one's accepting him as Savior. We can show, by the way we live and what we say, that we love him.

Jesus Christ came to earth and lived among men to show us what God is like and how he wants us to live. People had often thought of God as an angry, jealous ruler of whom they must be afraid. Jesus Christ was God's Son. God sent him into the world as a little child that he might live and grow up among other people, serving and helping and loving them and teaching them that God is their loving Heavenly Father whom they should trust and love. John 3:16.

#### 2. How is Jesus Christ our friend?

A friend is a person whom we love, to whom we tell our secrets, and who, in re-

turn, tells us his desires. Friend is a very sacred name. We love to have human friends. Friends share with others. Some one has said, "A friend is one who knows the best and the worst in one and is yet true." Jesus is a friend of all. He loves us so much that we may trust him with all the interests of our lives. Jesus shares a thousand times more than earthly friends. He knows all our faults and our good deeds, and he wants to help us to live lovely lives. John 15:9-14.

### 3. How is Jesus Christ our helper?

Jesus tells us that he is our helper. Whenever any one begins to follow Jesus Christ in earnest he feels very weak, and at times he may think he cannot go on. We have neither strength nor wisdom to go alone. He is an unseen companion, always present when we need him. He says he will come to live and dwell in human hearts and lives. He will not leave us alone. "Lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28:20.

### 4. How is Jesus Christ our guide?

Jesus Christ is our perfect guide. We all need a guide in life's pathway—someone to keep us on the right way. Our parents often do that. Jesus is the way of life. He lived it perfectly. He said, "I am the way." John 14:6.

A traveler was lost on a western prairie one night, and he prayed that night for a guide. He saw a light in the distance and it guided him to find his way. Jesus Christ says he came to seek and to save the lost. When we get off the "Way" we are lost and Jesus Christ is our guide in our return. He guides us to the best for us. He guides us to our Father God. He guides us to the best things here and hereafter.

## 5. How is Jesus Christ our Savior?

Jesus came, lived and died, to save people from their sins. Before Jesus was born the angel said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins." At times we all do wrong. We may lose our tempers or say harsh words or be saucy to our parents. When we do these things, that little constant companion inside us—our conscience—tells us it is wrong. This is the voice of Jesus Christ trying to save us from doing wrong. Our part is to repent—to quit our sins and look to him, ask him to forgive us our sins, and help us not to do wrong again, and then to trust him to pardon us. That is what it means to be saved. The life and death of

Jesus makes possible our salvation. He is our Savior—let us ask him to save us. John 1:29; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Matthew 1:21; John 15:14; John 3:16; John 15:17; Luke 15:11-24; Matthew 28:20.

“Just as I am, young, strong, and free,  
To be the best that I can be  
For truth, and righteousness and Thee,  
Lord of my life, I come, I come.”

## LESSON THREE

### Man's Sin, and Jesus Christ His Savior and Lord.

Many times every day there is apt to be a struggle in one's heart between a desire to please oneself and a desire to obey what one believes to be the will of God.

#### 1. What is sin?

Sin is any thought or feeling, word or act which either is contrary to God's law, or falls short of what God's law requires.

#### 2. What in brief does God's law require?

God's law requires that we should love God with our whole heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. Luke 10:7.

#### 3. Are we able of ourselves to do this?

No, no one has been able in his own strength to keep God's law perfectly. Romans 3:10-12; Romans 3:20.

#### 4. What are the results of sin?

Sin separates one from God. Sin brings death. It does this by leading man to misunderstand and doubt God, and to follow his own selfish wishes instead of the desire of a wise and loving Heavenly Father. Luke 15:11-24; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2.



5. Can we free ourselves from sin and its results?

No, for we are not able to remove all selfishness from our hearts. We of ourselves cannot correct the results of all our previous selfish actions. Notice that the Prodigal Son was selfish and hateful until he came home again. God alone can forgive sin. Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:23.

6. How may we be saved from our sins?

We must repent of our sins and believe on Jesus Christ. Matthew 3:2; Acts 2:28; Acts 17:30.

7. What is it to repent?

He who truly repents of his sin not only confesses it with shame and sorrow, but turns to God for forgiveness and decides not to sin again. Luke 15:11-24.

8. What is it to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

It means that we turn to him as our Savior, Teacher, and Lord, and put our whole trust in him. Acts 16:31; Romans 10:10.

9. What benefits do we receive when we repent and believe?

Our sins are freely forgiven; our hearts are made right; and the spirit of Christ is given unto us. We know God to be our loving Heavenly Father and friend. Psalms 103:12; I Corinthians 1:9; John 1:7.

10. In what ways can we show ourselves true to Christ and his cause, and thankful for the privileges of being children of our Heavenly Father?

We should always remember that Christ, our Savior and Lord, is love, and by means of his spirit in our hearts he will guide us to think on truth, to love right ways, and to act from day to day as we believe he would act if in our place.

(1) We should use our bodies and minds, which our Heavenly Father has given to our control, in ways that will be most helpful to our fellow men. Romans 12:1.

(2) Our time is a gift from God. We should use it in such ways as will please him. Because Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week, Christians observe that as the Lord's Day. Rightly using the Sabbath in worship, rest, and service, we are reminded that all our time is a trust from God to be used in doing good.

(3) We belong to Christ. Our time, talents, and possessions are his. We may witness that God is owner and Christ is Lord by paying at least the tenth of our income for the work of the Kingdom. I Corinthians 6:19, 20; Romans 14:12; Haggai 2:8; Deuteronomy 8:11-18; I Corinthians 4:2.

## LESSON FOUR

### What It Means To Be A Christian.

We have said that Jesus Christ is a friend a helper, a guide, and a savior. He has done his share to help boys and girls, men and women. Now we want to find out what a Christian is. A Christian is one who trusts in Jesus Christ, and who is earnestly striving to follow Jesus Christ. We will try to see, in this lesson, what it means to be a Christian. A Christian is one who knows Jesus, loves Jesus, trusts and obeys Jesus, and serves Jesus.

#### 1. How can we know Jesus Christ?

A Christian is one who knows Jesus Christ. How can we know Jesus Christ? We wish sometimes that we might have walked and talked with Jesus as his disciples did when he was here on earth. We cannot do that. His friends left for us a record of how he lived. We can read that record in the Bible and thus learn his way and will for us.

These records show us that Jesus Christ did many great and beautiful deeds. They show us his love for everyone, his courage, his patience, his self-control, his trueness,

his courtesy, his purity, his unselfishness, his great self-sacrifice, when he died for us. We should learn about his deeds, his goodness, and his hopes. When we learn how he lived we will then know how to ask him to help us to live.

We not only want to know **about** Jesus Christ, we want to know **him**. He knows his own children by name as an eastern shepherd knows his own sheep by name. He came to live in human lives. He does this through his friendship. We should give our lives to Jesus Christ. Those who follow his teachings become God's children. Jesus Christ said he wanted to tell us many things, but he would show them to us as we try to know him. We can thus know Jesus Christ as a closer friend. We can know him through Bible study, especially the gospels; through Sunday-school lessons; through prayer; and through doing helpful deeds in the name of Jesus. John 16:12, 13; Ephesians 4:20, 21; John 10:14, 15; Romans 8:14.

## 2. How can we love Jesus Christ?

A Christian is one who loves Jesus Christ. When we think of his great love for us, that he was even willing to die for us, then we cannot help but love him. "We love him because he first loved us." "He loved us and gave himself for us." I John 4:19; Galatians 2:20.

Again, we should love him because of what he is. He lived the holiest, cleanest, purest life which was ever lived. He never did evil nor careless deeds. He never took God's name in vain. He obeyed his parents. He worked at home for his father and mother. He attended the synagogue (church) worship and school of his day. He prayed often and sometimes for long periods. He lived a pure, clean, healthy life. He was brave and courageous. He faced the leaders who opposed him without fear. He deserves our best friendship. He is worthy of our deepest love, our highest praise, and our best efforts. Luke 2:51; Mark 6:3; Matthew 13:54.

Song: "O Jesus, Prince of Life and Truth"—Hymnal for American Youth.

## 3. How can we trust and obey Jesus Christ?

A Christian is one who trusts and obeys Jesus Christ. One may know about Jesus Christ and yet not trust and obey him. It is only as we are obedient that we really love him. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." To work for him, to serve him, is to express our love for him. Sometimes he asks us to give up things we would like to keep, but when he does, it is because he has something better for us. He always wants to give such things to us as will make us richer and better. He may not always answer our prayers as we want because he has something better in mind. Just as a good father or mother would not allow a sick boy to eat candy, so Jesus will not give us all we may desire. We know that which he gives is best because he knows and he loves. So we will obey him. Nothing we may do will please him unless we obey him. Matthew 7:21; John 15:14; John 2:5.

"Trust and obey,  
For there is no other way.  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey."

Sing: "Father, Teach Me Day by Day."

#### 4. How can we serve Jesus Christ?

A Christian is one who works with Jesus Christ to bring the Kingdom of God on earth, as he taught, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth." How can we do this?

We will want to have every one of our friends love and obey Christ; to help send the gospel to every nation; to love everyone, even our enemies; to be so loving and unselfish that they will want to be the same; to see that harm comes to no one, and to help everyone;—for that is what Christ did. When we do this, we are working with him, and he is happy. He depends on us to do our part. Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 3:9; Mark 16:15.

## LESSON FIVE

### How To Live A Christian Life.

It is a good thing to find out what it means to be a Christian. But it is only as we keep on being a Christian that we prove to be good disciples. When we start to follow Jesus Christ we are children; if we continue we become grown-up Christians. We have the promise that Jesus Christ will give help if we wish him to do so. Let us find out in this lesson how we may have his help and strength to be a Christian. What ways have we for speaking with God? How can he speak to us?

#### 1. How can we talk to God?

We talk to God when we pray. Every true Christian prays. The most important thing in friendship is to talk to each other. Prayer is talking to God about one's own deep desires. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." When we want to build strong bodies we go to a gymnasium. When we want to build strong minds we go to college. If we want to build a strong Christian life, let us spend time in prayer. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23; Psalm 121; Matthew 6:5-15.



## 2. When should we pray?

To meet our friends in the morning before we meet Jesus is not best. If we face him when we arise, then we can be greatly helped in facing our friends. Prayer will change life. It will help to keep one from losing his temper and from doing many bad and naughty things. We have our work to do, our duties, our hard tasks, our burdens, and we need his help. He can help us only when we work with him in prayer. Jesus prayed many times. He spent whole nights in prayer. He arose a long time before day and prayed. He went into the mountain to pray. He taught his disciples to pray. If we want to be good Christians, we must pray. We should pray often for others. Paul tells us to pray always. He does not mean we shall not work nor play, but that we shall keep so close to God that we can speak to him at any moment and he will help us. I Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 6:9-16.

## 3. How can we study about God?

The Bible is one of God's methods of revealing his purposes to us. It is given us in order that God may let us know his will. God's purpose for mankind is shown in the Bible. The teachings of the Bible will purify our lives. When we become cross or

angry the words of this Book will sweeten our lives. We need the Bible to feed our souls just as we need food for our bodies. Paul advised Timothy, a young man, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" II Timothy 2:15; II Timothy 3:16, 17.

#### 4. How can Christian friends help us?

It will greatly help any Christian to have friends who will help him to remain a Christian. We must make our choice of friends. Our parents will want us to do right, and if we will talk with them they will help us to choose our friends. To be friendly to all is the Christian way to act. A good home can help us to be Christians. Sometimes none in the home except one is a Christian. If such a one will try to get the help of his pastor, or Sunday-school teacher, or some good friends, he can still be a Christian. Daniel, in the Bible, found himself away from home, away from his mother and father, among strangers and with no help, but God, and yet he remained true to God. The fact that we are Christians should make us more prayerful, more careful, more earnest, and more like Jesus. Temptations do not hurt us except when we yield. James 1:14; I Corinthians 10:13; Daniel 1:8.

5. How will practice in Christian living make us strong?

We grow strong by doing things. Whenever we quit doing, we quit growing. Whenever we wish to strengthen a muscle, we give it exercise. When we want our minds to grow we study. When we want our lives to grow like Jesus Christ, we must work like he did. Jesus Christ cared for the sick, he helped the poor, he brought cheer to the helpless. We want to be like him. We want to bring others to Sunday school and church. To practice kindness, helpfulness, and to be of service is to do what Jesus Christ wants. Whenever anyone is idle he is in danger of temptation. To be busy is better than to be idle. Ephesians 6:11-18; John 5:17; John 9:4.

## LESSON SIX

### Why I Should Join The Church.

When we were five or six years of age we started to school. We have been in school long enough now to be a part of the school. The church is another place where we can be greatly helped if we unite with it. There are many reasons why we should join the church. Let us think about these today.

1. Who started the fellowship of Christians?

Christ and his early disciples started the early fellowship which became the church. Jesus asked the early people to come after him, saying, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." He invited people to come to him. This meant they were to be his followers. They came together to worship him and be instructed by him, and thus the first church began. Christ is the vital head of the church. The disciples associated with him first. They let others know that they were friends of his. He was their guide and friend.

Jesus Christ said we should confess him before people. "Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in Heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." A public confession of our love for Christ is part of being a Christian. One of the best ways to do this is to join the church and then be true to it. Paul, the apostle, said some very strong words about this. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." All believers in Jesus Christ should join the church. Matthew 11:28; Matthew 10:32, 33; Romans 9:9, 10.

2. Why does our joining the church make us strong?

To join the church puts one on the side of the good and the Christian people of all time. One cannot see how any one could remain a good Christian and do so secretly. If Jesus had to take sides and be openly out for God and for right, then we should do likewise. We know of those who started to do right, and to be Christians, and did not continue. Because they did not join the

church, they were not strong in doing the right, and when they were tempted to do wrong they felt so much alone that they did it. A church is good company. A church offers fine friendship.

3. How will my joining the church help others?

We should unite with the church because we want our influence to be on the side of Jesus and right. We never like a person when we cannot tell where he stands. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." Everyone has an influence. When we join the church, we place that influence on the side of Jesus. Jesus said there were but two sides in life, and unless we confess Christ openly it may mean that we will drift away from his friendship.

4. How can we work with Jesus Christ?

We should join the church because it is only in that way that we can do our full part in extending his work. We can scarcely hope to bring others to him unless we join with those who love him. Every new member of the church makes the church stronger and the community more like Jesus wishes it to be. We want to help people in other lands who do not have Jesus Christ, such as

those in Africa, China, India, Japan, and many islands. When we join the church, we can help by praying for them and by giving money to send them missionaries.

When we unite with the church, we draw about us the best people of the community and safeguard our own lives. When tourists travel up a high rocky mountain, they are tied together so that if one slips he may be held by the others. In 1879 a young Boston doctor, who had climbed the Matterhorn, insisted on freeing himself from the rope that united him to his companions. He had hardly done so when he made a false step lost his footing, glided rapidly down the steep icy slope, and the next moment disappeared over the precipice. The church binds the Christians together and keeps them safe. The church is the body of Christ and Christ is its head. He will direct the members of the church if they obey him. By wholehearted obedience we have seen that the members of the church can thus do much to win others to Christ, and not only keep themselves in the fellowship of Christ, but grow rapidly. I Corinthians 12:26; Ephesians 5:23.

Sing: "The Church's One Foundation, is  
Jesus Christ Her Lord."

## LESSON SEVEN

### What A Church Member Should Do.

When we join the church there are certain duties to do. People are always interested in that in which they have a share. Every member of the church should have his or her share in what the church is striving to do.

#### 1. How should church members live?

Members of the church should be happy, helpful people. They should show Christ's love and his way of living. Good church members stand for Christ among their playmates and friends, and they never do anything which will cause Christ to be ashamed of them. It is said of a great business man of New York that he never did anything to disgrace his mother's blood which flowed through his veins. Church members bear the name of Jesus. They should never disgrace his name. David says in Psalms 69:6, "Let not them that wait for thee be put to shame through me, O Lord Jehovah of hosts: Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel." (R. V.)

Every word we speak and every deed we do should please Christ. II Corinthians 3:3; James 1:27.



## 2. How shall we act toward the Church Service?

A church member should attend the worship and services of his church. He needs this in order to keep his own life helpful and clean. The church always has prayer, songs, Bible reading and sermons, and these will help all to live more like Jesus Christ wants us to live. To be with good people means to have the help of good people. One stick of wood will hardly burn alone, but if many others are near they will burn freely. When people grow careless in church attendance, they generally drift away from Jesus Christ and lose interest in their own best lives. Hebrews 10:25.

## 3. How may we help to keep the church alive?

Churches must have buildings, seats, song books, etc. They must have ministers to preach and direct the work. The church is Christ's agency to carry out his last command to preach the gospel to every creature. It takes money to do all this. Every member should have a share in the giving of money for the work of the church.

Every member should understand that his life and his property belong to Christ. We are Christ's stewards, and should acknowledge God's ownership by paying at least one-tenth of our income for the work of the church.

When every member of the church pays for Christ's work ten cents out of every dollar he receives, there will be enough money to meet all needs. The member that does this honors God and the church, and God has promised to bless such. Matthew 6:33; II Corinthians 9:7; Acts 20:35; Malachi 3:10.

4. How can we help in the work of the church?

A church member should attend Sunday school and Christian Endeavor, Vacation Church schools, and church services. The Sunday school is the place for us to learn our Heavenly Father's will through a study of his Word. It is also helpful in aiding us to learn to pray. We should do all we can to cause our Sunday school to grow. The Christian Endeavor society is meant to guide boys and girls and young people in living Christian lives. There are many other ways of doing Christian work in the

church, such as inviting others to church, taking part in prayer meeting, distributing song books when needed, and doing whatever one's hands find to do in the spirit of love.

#### 5. What is meant by the Sacraments?

The Holy sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace. In Baptism the use of water is an outward sign which shows that one has become a Christian. It shows that God has washed away our sins. Baptism represents the fact that man is accepted by God and has become God's child.

The Lord's Supper is in memory of Christ's death for the saving of the world. It is also a sign of the love and communion that Christians ought to have with one another, and with Christ. The outward sign of the Lord's Supper is bread and wine. The inward grace is our union with Christ. By that friendship we receive strength. By this means a covenant is sealed that Jesus Christ and man will be true until Jesus comes again. Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:3; Acts 2:41; Matthew 26:26; I Corinthians 16:26; John 6:53-56.

## LESSON EIGHT

### How The Church Does Its Larger Work.

Jesus told his learners to "Go teach all nations." The church has tried to carry on his work. In this closing lesson let us see how the church does this work.

1. What do Christians do in the local church?

There are about three thousand individual churches in our denomination. Many of these churches are like the one we attend. Jesus told his early learners to tell others how much they loved him so that they would want to follow him. We can witness for him by attending church, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor, by praying for our pastor and church, and by inviting our friends to become Christians and join the church.

2. What do Christians do to help people outside the local church?

They cooperate with other churches and do a greater work. They do this through sending men and women to preach the gospel to those who otherwise would not receive it. We send some of these missionaries to needy places in the United States to

preach and start Sunday schools and churches. We call these home missionaries. Our church sends other Christian leaders to Africa, China, Japan, Philippine Islands, and Porto Rico. We call these foreign missionaries. This missionary work in America and in far-off countries, includes preaching, teaching, healing and helping in every way possible.

3. What work in education does our church do?

We have conventions, conferences, and training schools. We also have seven colleges and one theological seminary. We have these colleges and the seminary to train leaders for the churches. Our colleges are the following: Otterbein College, at Westerville, Ohio; Lebanon Valley College at Annville, Pennsylvania; Indiana Central College at Indianapolis, Indiana; York College at York, Nebraska; Kansas City University at Kansas City, Kansas; Philomath College at Philomath, Oregon; and Shenandoah Collegiate Institute at Dayton, Virginia. Bonebrake Theological Seminary is located at Dayton, Ohio. It is the only institution in our denomination to educate our ministers and missionaries.

4. What homes and orphanages do we support?

We have three homes and orphanages for the care of orphans and our aged people. These are Quincy Orphanage and Home at Quincy, Pennsylvania; The Otterbein Home near Lebanon, Ohio; The Baker Home near Puente, California.

5. How do we take care of our aged ministers?

The United Brethren Church has always given some aid to its retired and disabled ministers who have given their lives to God's work. Much more help will be provided soon, so that our aged ministers and their widows and children may not suffer want, but be properly cared for.

6. What other work do we do?

We have a fine printing establishment called the Otterbein Press located in Dayton, Ohio. In this building our church papers, the Telescope and Watchword, our Sunday school literature, our Evangel and our booklets, books and magazines are published. Some of the money made by this printing establishment goes to help retired ministers.

The United Brethren Building located at Dayton, Ohio, is a twenty-one story building used as a store and office building. Our General Secretaries and editors have offices in this fine building.

7. How is all of this work supported?

This work for missions, colleges, seminary, homes and orphanages, preacher pension and general Sunday school and Christian Endeavor work is supported by the church members giving through their local church benevolences and also through special gifts. This is the way we share in doing God's work. By means of all this thousands are brought to Christ every year. By giving our money, by praying for our workers, and by studying what our church is doing, as given in our church papers and in leaflets and books, we can become helpful Christians and preach Jesus to many parts of our country and in lands across the sea.

## The Ten Commandments

God spake all these words, saying, I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: For I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing loving kindness unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Jehovah thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy



daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

## The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

## The Golden Rule.

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

## The Twenty-third Psalm.

Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He guideth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and loving-kindness shall  
follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah  
forever.

(R. V.)

## The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

## The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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